

**Quarterly Issues and Programming Report
April 2010 thru June 2010**

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Community Issues:

April:

04/03/10: News 8 at 10pm - :40

"Nat'l Guard Breakfast"

On this Easter weekend, military families joined together for some holiday fun. Today the Easter Bunny --- wearing his stars and stripes showed up for this party at the Hartford Armory. Families enjoyed good food, dancing, games and of course an Easter egg hunt. The focus of the party is on the children of guard members who are serving overseas in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. For the guard, family support is a major priority. Right now about 11-hundred members of the CT national guard are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

04/08/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :44

"Trumbull Fuel Cell Meeting"

People living in Trumbull are ticked off. They're trying to stop a proposed Fuel Cell Plant from being built in their community. Danbury-based 'FuelCell Energy Incorporated' wants to build a plant on Huntington Turnpike -- where there's a Southern Connecticut Gas Facility right now. There was an informational meeting last night. Representatives from the company were supposed to answer questions.. but they were a 'no show' -- they canceled last week asking for more time. They held the meeting anyway and plenty of people showed up. Fuel Cell Energy responded with this statement -- "We remain committed to an open process that gives us an opportunity to present plans for the project and respond to questions raised by the town and its residents." No word on when the next meeting will be.

04/11/10: News 8 at 10pm -- 1:23

"Poland President Mass"

Connecticut's Polish community is grieving today... following the tragic crash. After news of the President's death spread over the weekend, a mass was held today for the victims of the plane crash, in Hartford... at St. Cyril and Methodius Church. The Pastor says the whole church is in mourning. The church holds services in Polish... and says it's available at anytime to counsel those who are grieving.

04/27/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"Bridgeport Haiti Office Closed"

Closing its doors... Bridgeport says it's shutting down its Haiti Relief Resource Office because of "wrongdoing" on the part of one of the volunteers. Officials didn't say exactly what that wrongdoing was but Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch says breaking the law won't be tolerated. Congressman Jim Himes and the Red Cross will pick up where the office left off in helping the Haitian community reach out to loved ones in the country devastated by an earthquake back in January.

May:

05/01/10: News 8 at 10pm - :35

"Americares Homefront"

Volunteers hit Stamford today to give some homes in the city a major make-over. They started work on homes and community centers as part of the 23rd Annual HomeFront Day. More than 3-thousand volunteers in Connecticut and New York are working to revitalize 60 homes and 6 community centers in both states. This is the programs 13th year. And experts from the tv show This Old House are also lending a hand.

05/13/10: Good Morning CT at 7am – 1:35

"Bpt Trees Replaced"

Some local nurseries are helping out to replace trees ruined by vandals. It was such a strange act of vandalism and one that legally upset the community here in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport.. today, that wrong will be made right. For decades, the beautiful, stately Sycamore trees have lined the walk along St. Mary's by the Sea.. but the night of March 13th.. someone took a chainsaw and cut into the trees.. they cut deeply enough that 15 of the trees died.. four had to be removed because they were in danger of falling. Now, exactly two months later.. those trees will be replaced. Two local nurseries.. Gilberties of Westport and Oliver Nurseries of Fairfield.. have generously donated 5 trees, London Plane trees, which are similar in size and shape to Sycamores so they should fit right in. A planting ceremony will be held here this morning at 9:30 to officially replace those damaged trees. No one has been arrested for the crime.. police are still looking for those responsible.. but there is a 7-thousand dollar reward.. posted by the Black Rock Garden Club.. so if you have any information.. you're asked to call police.

05/22/10: News 8 at 10pm - :45

"Greek Festival"

The 2010 Greek Festival and Fair is underway this weekend in Bridgeport. Organizers say it's a tradition that brings the community together... and you don't have to be Greek to have a good time. Food lovers across the state... flock to the festival every year for a taste of dishes like lamb on a spit... spanikopita... and baklava, fresh out of the oven. The festival is wrapping up at 11 tonight. So if you want to check it out... the fun continues tomorrow from 11AM to 9:30 at night. Go to wtnh-dot-com for more information... we'll link you to a full list of activities during the festival.

05/31/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"CT Veterans Memorials"

State leaders are launching a online directory of veterans memorials across the state. The Department of Veterans' Affairs put the website together for Memorial Day. It includes links to information and pictures for each community. It was inspired by the family of a Connecticut soldier killed in action. You can find a link to the directory on our website W-T-N-H dot com.

June:

06/07/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"Puerto Rican Parade"

There was also a big celebration in Hartford Sunday. The annual Puerto Rican Parade . Organizers say the parade has been held in the city for the past 47 years. This year it was hosted by the Connecticut Institute for Community Development.

06/11/10: News8 at 10pm - :20

"Westport Flags"

People in Westport are paying tribute to service members killed in the line of duty. Community groups and members of the Saugatuck Congregational Church have put more than 5-thousand American flags on the church's front lawn. Each flag represents a American casualty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Parishioners say it's their own silent, patriotic reminder of the cost of war. The tribute is called the "Field of Flags" and it runs through the 4th of July weekend.

06/17/10: God Morning CT at 7am - :20

"Food Bank Shortage"

The summer season is here and the Connecticut Food bank is in dire need of donations. Last year, they received some federal stimulus money which made up for a lack of donations. But, this year, they're not getting that money, so they are urging people to donate so they can continue to supply soup kitchens and food pantries across the state.

Health:

April:

04/07/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"Benefits of Walking"

From treatment to prevention - An American Heart Association study finds -- women who walk two or more hours a week -- and women who regularly walk at a brisk pace have a significantly lower risk of stroke than women who do not. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States - and the 'LEADING' cause-- of disabilities. So what's a brisk pace? About 4-miles an hour. If you don't have a personal heart-rate monitor... here's an easy guide. If you're walking at a brisk pace you should be able to talk... but 'not' sing. So if you can 'not' talk - slow down a bit. If you can sing -- gotta walk faster.

04/13/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :45

"Sugar and Family Issues"

Health news this morning... A possible link between a sweet tooth and family issues of depression. New research from the Monell chemical senses center in Philadelphia... finds children's responses to intense sweet taste could be related to a family history of alcoholism. Plus... it may also be related to depression in a child. In the study... 3-hundred children between ages 5 and 12 tasted different levels of sucrose in water to determine their preferred level of sweetness. Researchers found of the 37 children who liked the most intense sweetness... all had alcohol abuse in the family, as well as symptoms of depression. Researchers also say these findings could be a link to why certain children are facing obesity problems.

04/27/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :50

"Addiction Vaccine"

Health news this morning... Tens of millions of people in the u-s alone are addicted to some sort of substance. According to the Centers for Disease Control... 46 million Americans smoke...many of them are addicted to nicotine. Add those people hooked on cocaine, heroin and other drugs... and the numbers are mind boggling. But now the National Institute on Drug Abuse is doing something about the problem...just unveiling new data on vaccines. The nicotine vaccine is most likely to hit your doctor's office first. If the vaccine continues to show positive results it could be available within the next two to three years... depending on f-d-a approval. Millions of dollars have already been spent on the research for this sort of vaccine.

04/30/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"Causes of Hemorrhages"

Health news this morning.... Singer and reality star Bret Michaels is still recovering from a brain hemorrhage suffered late last week. Because of his celebrity status... a lot of folks are now asking what exactly causes this type of condition. Doctors say it usually begins with what is described as the worst headache of your life. In about 10 to 15 percent of cases doctors never find out what causes the bleeding on the brain. But... in younger people a car accident is often to blame... and in the elderly its often a blow to the head from a fall. It can also be caused by an aneurysm, certain blood disorders... blood thinners... even cocaine use.

May:

05/04/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"East Haven Rabies"

A rabid raccoon... that attacked a person in East Haven... has health authorities issuing a public reminder this morning. Last Friday's attack was the third recent case where a wild animal was discovered with rabies. Among the precautions: Health officials are urging people not to feed wild animals... and also to keep pets and children away from them.

05/06/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :30

"Girls and Gymnastics"

A new study shows young girls involved in long-term gymnastics training could lower their risk for osteoporosis when they get older. Researchers studied the effects of rigorous, rhythmic gymnastics training on a group of girls between the ages of nine and thirteen. They found girls who actively trained in gymnastics for at least two years had healthier bones.

05/27/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :30

"Interval Training"

One of the biggest excuses people give for not working out is time. If that's your excuse you aren't alone... so doing a high intensity workout may be what you need. This type of workout can burn more calories and burn more muscles in a shorter time. What it is... short burns of exercise... like running all-out uphill. If you're thinking you aren't in the best shape right now... this could still be a starting point for you. Recent research shows that just 20 minutes of high intensity exercising burns more calories and builds more muscle than jogging leisurely for an hour. But... it's not as effective for muscle endurance.

05/31/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :30

"Breast Cancer Cure?"

Health news this morning... and this could be earth-shattering research... out of the Cleveland Clinic. Researchers say they've made a discovery that may lead to a cure for breast cancer. A study released over the weekend shows a vaccine has been created not only to treat breast cancer... but to prevent it. Researchers hope to start testing the vaccine on humans in the next year.

June:

06/02/10: Good Morning CT at 7am 1:00

"Downs and Alzheimers"

People born with a developmental disorder may help in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. There's a study underway right now in Connecticut involving people with Down Syndrome. That's because people with Down Syndrome tend to age early and are at high risk for Alzheimers. The Institute for Neuro-degenerative Disorders in New Haven is taking brain scans of people and finding Amyloid -- a protein found in people with Alzheimer's disease. It shows up on the scan as bright yellow, red and orange. Gretchen Aldrich has Down Syndrome and was

diagnosed with Alzheimer's a few years ago. Doctors say not everyone with Down Syndrome will develop Alzheimer's. Researchers are looking for people with Down Syndrome -- who are at least 40 years old to take part. For more info on this study.. you can log onto our website -- WTNH dot com.

06/08/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :30

"Flip Flop Warning"

Here's a warning you've probably heard before... doctors are concerned about your feet in flip flops as the weather heats up. The wrong pair can lead to long-term trouble like tendinitis and stress fractures. So the American Podiatric medical association says to choose your flip-flops carefully. Try a pair made of soft leather... which minimizes the potential for blisters. And look for flip-flops with wider straps and deeper heel forms. Avoid flip flops during long walks or when doing things like lawn work to prevent things like ankle twists, sprains or even breaks.

06/17/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"Smoking Nutrients"

Health news this morning...some smokers have better luck avoiding cancer than others... now researchers have a possible reason why. Researchers say those who had higher levels of vitamin b-6 and other essential proteins in the blood.. have a lower risk for lung cancer. Scientist at the International Agency for Research on Cancer say the results may be a clue to why some smokers never get lung cancer and some non-smokers or former smokers do.

Education:

April:

04/02/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :27

"McMahon/CT Board of Education:

Senate candidate Linda McMahon has resigned from her position on the Connecticut Board of Education. In a letter to Governor Rell... McMahon cited a conflict between her position on the board... and her Senate campaign... as her reason for stepping down. Rell nominated McMahon to the 11-member board last year. McMahon says new restrictions by state elections officials... restrict certain political activities by board members... making it impossible for her to stay on the panel.

04/14/10: News 8 at 10pm - :20

"Norwich School Closing"

More concern about schools closing in Norwich. The board of education has asked administrators to present a plan to close a second school in addition to the possible closing of Grenneville School. The Day of New London reports that plan has been announced but not yet voted on. Families rallied today in opposition of the plan. The second school has not yet been named.

04/27/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :40

"New New Haven School"

This morning some New Haven high schoolers are starting their second day in their brand new school. Students at New Haven's Metropolitan Business Academy moved into their new building yesterday. The inter-district magnet school prepares students for careers in fields like business, technology and digital communications. Students say... now they have some powerful new learning tools at their finger tips. The school...on Water Street... serves grades 9-12.

04/30/10: News 8 at 10pm - :25

"CT Education Funding"

Connecticut may have another shot at getting some federal money for state schools. Today the state senate passed reforms to help the state improve its application... for a second round of federal funding. The money is being offered under the president's "Race to the top" initiative. The state didn't make the cut in the first round of funding announced in March.

May:

05/03/10: News 8 at 10pm - :20

"MA Bullying Law"

The governor of Massachusetts has signed a bill cracking down on school bullies and requiring teachers to report bullying to principals. It was passed after the suicides of two students who were said to be victims of intense harassment. The new law prohibits bullying on school property and outlaws cyberbullying.

05/10/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :30

"West Haven Rally"

Parents and community leaders in West Haven will rally outside City Hall tonight... in support of keeping schools open and saving teachers' jobs. The city council approved a new budget last week giving 650 thousand *more* dollars to the Board of Ed than the original plan. That's enough to save as many as 20 jobs. But two schools are still in jeopardy of closing. Parents want city officials to find enough money to save at least one school. The rally is set for 6 tonight...before of a City Council meeting at 7.

05/24/10: News 8 at 10pm - :40

"Wallingford School Money"

Big decisions tonight for the Wallingford Board of Education...but an early decision brought a standing ovation from a packed house at Sheehan High School. The Board voted to save middle school sports. Originally the board was going to cut sports at that level to save money - but after thousands of calls and emails from parents and teachers, they changed their mind and sports was saved. Board members say they heard the message loud and clear - and parents are applauding that. Lynne Landry/Parent: "We wrote letters, we got kids involved, and people who have never been involved in the budget process, my little boy here Brad, and all these little girls here, showed up, and it's so important to show up and be heard, because we can't let that happen to us..." "And you felt like your voice was heard?" I do, I feel like it was heard...I feel like it was heard in emails and phonecalls." Still to be discussed and voted on is the hotly debated elementary school re-configuration plan. When we find out about that decision - we'll let you know.

June:

06/01/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"Safety Near Schools"

Governor Rell says Connecticut will use almost three million federal dollars to upgrade walkways and bikeways near several public schools. The state DOT picked projects in Essex, New Haven, Plymouth, Shelton and South Windsor. Its part of the federal "Safe Routes to Schools Program" which promotes more students to be healthy and active by walking or biking to school.

06/14/10: News8 at 10pm - 1:30

"Winsted Schools"

Right now we are inside the Gilbert school that has been the high school for Winsted for the past 115 years. But now with the contract expiring and the decline in dollars that could change. Lisa Smith: "I hope that is not an option, I hope we are not going to send our kids to Torrington." Lisa Smith is a Winsted selectwoman, one of many at a crowded table, the Winsted board of ed, two superintendents and other town selectman, everyone working to figure out where the Winsted high school students will be educated next year. Lisa Smith has two kids and doesn't want to see them shipped out to Torrington or other towns. Right now the Winsted superintendent says it costs 15- thousand dollars a student to send a student to the Gilbert school, Torrington could do it 4 thousand dollars cheaper. But the Gilbert school says this is about politics not the best education which is what they have been providing for the past 115 years. The Winsted school board committee has not made any recommendations they are still in the research phase, so nothing is final.

06/15/10: News8 at 10pm - :45

"Enfield Graduation Follow-up"

The Enfield Board of Education will not appeal a decision banning the district from holding its high school graduations in a church. The school district's lawyer say time is a factor because the schools need to plan the ceremonies set for next week. Graduations at Enfield and Enrico Fermi High schools will be held on school grounds. A federal appeals court denied the schools' request to lift a temporary injunction and immediately hear arguments. The town will still seek a court decision on whether graduations can be held at a Bloomfield church...before next year's graduation plans are set.

Crime:

April:

04/02/10: News 8 at 10pm - :25

"Shelton Mayor/Corruption"

Some legal experts are saying Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti is unlikely to be charged with corruption. A jury deadlocked yesterday in the case of a developer charged with trying to bribe Lauretti. The jury did however convict 47 year old James Botti on the less serious charge of mail fraud. Lauretti, who has expressed interest in running for Governor, has not been charged with a crime and denies any wrongdoing Attorney James Walker of Stamford tells News Channel 8, the verdict will likely not be as politically damaging for Lauretti. Prosecutors say their investigation is on-going.

04/15/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"New Haven Violence"

Community leaders in New Haven are meeting tonight.. to talk about ways to combat violence in the city. There have been 11 homicides so far in the elm city this year. The mayor and the new police chief are endorsing a new plan called operation corridor which includes increased patrols every weekend in a two and a half mile radius where a majority of the shootings occur. The meeting is tonight at 7... At the Elks lodge on Webster Sreet in New Haven.

04/30/10: News 8 at 10pm - :20

"Hartford Hit and Run Sentencing"

It was a Hartford hit and run that made news all over the country. Now...a Hartford man is to be sentenced... for the crime. 33-year old Luis Negron will be sentenced Monday. He cut a plea deal to manslaughter charges. Two years ago...surveillance cameras caught Negron hitting 78-year old Angel Torres on Park Street in Hartford... paralyzing him from the neck down. He died a year later. The deal calls for ten years in prison.

May:

05/07/10: Good Morning CT at 7am – 1:40

“East Hartford Shooting”

The search is on this morning for a suspect in a deadly triple shooting in East Hartford. The crime has left a neighborhood in shock and investigators trying to figure out why. News 8's Kent Pierce following the latest developments from our New Haven Newsroom. The latest is, police are still searching for a suspect in this multiple shooting that rattled an East Hartford apartment complex yesterday morning. Police got the call about shots fired around 9 a.m. They came to the Woodcliff Estates and found one woman and two men dead, and one man injured, all with gunshot wounds. This was in a third floor apartment where the woman apparently lived. Police have not officially released any names yet, so as of last night, friends and neighbors of that woman were left fearing the worst. The why is still under investigation. The one survivor of the shooting may offer some clues. East Hartford police are reassuring the public that this was not a random attack. This was targeted and even though they are still looking for a killer, police do not think the public has to worry. Live in the New Haven Newsroom, I'm Kent Pierce, News8.

05/11/10: News 8 at 10pm - :25

“New Haven NIXLE Launch”

In New Haven you can now be alerted about crime and public safety issues on line. The police department has announced a partnership with NIXLE, which is an internet based system. You sign up for free to be alerted by email and by text. Chief Frank Limon/New Haven Police Dept: “the best way to handle any incident is to get you the right information, accurate information in a timely fashion. Sometimes there is misinformation that begins to become rumor.” The system talked about today replaced the previous alert system which only used email.

05/18/10: News 8 at 10pm - :50

“Wolcott Woman Found”

A few days ago, Steve Bradshaw noticed something odd on Knotter Road in Cheshire. It was a tarp. So he came back here Monday with his wife to investigate. Steven Bradshaw who discovered the body tells us: “She came and met me, we both checked it out, discovered it was a body in there.” Turns out it was the body of 35 year old Wolcott mother Cynthia Cannon. Police converged on the sight in minutes. And although investigators believed it was Cannon, the state medical examiner confirmed her identity Tuesday afternoon and the cause of death. The victim, Ms. Cannon, suffered two stab wounds to the chest, and four blunt force trauma wounds to the head. He listed the cause of death as blunt force trauma. 44-year old Patrick Cannon, Cynthia's husband, was charged with murder before her body was found dumped on the road. But police revealed today that when police were searching the Cannon home for evidence, Patrick stayed at this "Comfort Suites" hotel with his family only yards away from where he abandoned his wife's body days before.

05/25/10: Good Morning CT at 7am – 1:50

“Middletown Investigation”

We are following a developing story in Middletown this morning. State police are on the scene of an apartment complex where one man is dead following a struggle with local police. An active scene here. . police are still here.. crime scene tape still up.. that's because 5 Middletown police officers were injured.. and K-9 police dog.. all trying to subdue what police are calling.. a violent and irrational man.. he has died. It all started just before 8:00 last night on West Lake Drive in Middletown.. it started as a medical call but there was some sort of domestic dispute. Police say the man.. identified as 35-year-old Efrain Carrion.. was despondent.. has a history of medical problems.. some mental issues.. he was struggling with police.. they describe him as a very large and powerful man.. they put two pairs of handcuffs on him.. but they say, that wasn't enough to calm him down.

June:

06/01/10: News8 at 10pm - :20

"Bpt Double Murder Follow-up"

Did a broken crack pipe cause a man to lose it and stab his pregnant girlfriend and her grandmother? That's the new info coming out on an already very disturbing crime out of Bridgeport. Police say 24-year old Ray Damian Garcia admitted to the killings saying he was high when he stabbed and killed 23 year old Yeliza Delvalle and her grandmother, 79 year old Ingnasa Delvalle early Sunday morning. Court documents say Garcia admitted to the killings because he was upset his crackpipe had broken and that Delvalle, his girlfriend, was about to dump him. Garcia in court today...faces murder charges.

06/14/10: Mews8 at 10pm – 1:46

"Woodbridge Scam Alert"

This house on the Litchfield Turnpike in Woodbridge was the scene of a disturbing home invasion last week. An elderly woman was conned out of her house leaving it wide open. Noon-time on Friday a suspect started knocking on this back door. Margaret Fanelli didn't come to the door at first but his persistence finally brought her to the door. The suspect was able to get her to come outside. He said he worked for the electric company and was going be cutting down some trees in her neighbors yard. He then brought Margaret this way, out from the house and started to point at this large tree that is indeed in her neighbors yard. And while he had her distracted, talking about that big tree, at least one accompish shot right up this back way and into the house. Jewelry and cash were reportedly stolen. It's the type of crime that shows the vulnerability of the elderly. In these economic times people take advantage, no matter what. Tough times, make people do tough things, preying on the elderly, I can see where people would think that's an easy mark. An easy mark, maybe before,, but now that she's aware, this neighbor who didn't want to be shown on camera isn't about to be fooled. Woodbridge police are working in cooperation with New Haven police, because there have been several recent reports of similar crimes, in the Elm City.

06/17/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"CT Man Arrested in MD Rape"

A Norwalk man is charged with a 2004 rape in Maryland. 30-year old Gary Taylor is accused of attacking a woman in a laundry room at an Apartment complex. Police say DNA linked him to the crime. During the initial investigation Taylor's name didn't come up because his DNA wasn't in the national database. But that changed in 2008 when he was arrested and served 18 months on a child endangerment charge.

Consumer Issues:

April:

04/09/10: News 8 at 10pm - :20

"Walmart Cutting Prices"

We've got some consumer news this Friday night. We begin with word that Walmart is cutting its prices on thousands of products. The move follows months of declining sales. The world's largest retailer benefited from the economic downturn... when many people went bargain shopping... but sales have dropped recently.

04/17/10: News 8 at 10pm - :20

"Toyota Recall"

More recall trouble for Toyota. The company is recalling 6-hundred thousand of its Sienna minivans... sold in the U-S. The problem is with 'rusting' cables that hold the spare tire in place.. The recall affects Sienna models from 1998 to 2010. The company says the problem could be tied to road salt.

04/24/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"Breathing Tube Recall"

An important recall to tell you about ... Tubes used to help patients on ventilators breathe are being recalled after reports of three deaths. Covidien -- a company in Massachusetts -- says it's recalling certain tracheostomy tubes. The company says the product's cuff may not hold air properly... and that could lead to serious injury or death. The F-D-A says it's investigating.

May:

05/05/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :35

"Tylenol Bacteria"

Last week we told you about that recall involving 40 different kinds of children's cold medicine. Now, the FDA says ingredients used in some of those were contaminated with bacteria. But, none of the Johnson and Johnson finished products tested positive for bacteria. The FDA's report says a Pennsylvania plant where the medicines are made didn't look into complaints about black or dark specks in Tylenol products. The company now says it won't continue making the formulas until some things at the plant change.

05/11/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :35

"Toyota Recall"

The government is investigating whether Toyota delayed a 2005 recall in the US over defective steering rods in trucks and SUVs. That's despite issuing a similar recall in Japan nearly a year earlier. The Transportation Department announced yesterday it is conducting a new review into the gap between the Japanese and US recalls.

05/20/10: News 8 at 10pm - :35

"Coffee Maker Recall"

If you have a G-E coffee maker that you bought at Wal-Mart it could be part of a recall. The G-E 12 cup digital coffee maker sold exclusively at Wal-Mart is being recalled because of reports of overheating and fires. About 900-thousand of the coffee makers are involved. So if you have one stop using it and bring it to Walmart and get your money back.

05/21/10: News 8 at 10pm - :45

"Dodd on Financial Reform"

Reaction after Congress passes the biggest overhaul of financial regulation since the great depression. The bill creates a new Consumer Financial protection agency and gives the government the power to swoop in and rescue failing banks. DODD: "We believe that the public is correct in insisting that we not leave them vulnerable to exactly the same kind of problems that they witnessed over the last several years, the too-big-to-fail, too many jobs lost, too many homes lost, retirement incomes evaporating." The house and senate versions still have to be merged. The bill should be law sometime this summer.

June:

06/04/10: News8 at 10pm - :30

"McDonalds/Shrek Glasses"

A heads up for parents tonight ... McDonalds is announcing a recall. The fast food chain says it's recalling 12 million "Shrek" drinking glasses. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the glasses are being pulled due to high Cadmium levels in the paint. Cadmium can cause kidney and bone damage. Anyone who has the glasses should stop using them and wait for McDonalds to give them a refund.

06/08/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :25

"Chrysler Recall"

Chrysler is recalling some 600-thousand Jeeps and minivans. Jeep Wranglers from the 2006 to 2010 model years are being recalled because of a potential brake fluid leak. 2008 and 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan and Chrysler Town and Country minivans are being recalled because of a door hinge that can wear through wiring and cause a fire inside the sliding doors.

06/15/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"Louisiana Seafood"

The oil spill is leaving seafood nets empty in Louisiana. The seafood industry is Louisiana's largest private employer. It pushes more than 2 billion dollars into the state's economy. Now the state's governor, Bobby Jindal, also wants B-P to pay for a safety plan focused on the long-term viability of the industry. He is worried about consumer's confidence in Louisiana seafood as people see so many pictures of oil in the water.

Government, Economy, & Law

April:

04/01/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :20

"National Census Day"

Today is National Census Day and the government is asking for those census forms back so you can be counted. About 134 million forms have been mailed out. Census workers have walked neighborhoods telling homeowners to look for their forms. Politicians are also urging their constituents to turn in those forms because they can mean more tax money coming to their area. By sending the forms back now you save the government money. The census bureau says it would save about one-and-a-half BILLION dollars if everyone mailed back their census forms before April 30th.

04/14/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - 1:30

"Mortgage Crisis"

4-point-3 million Americans are in danger of losing their homes. A report by the administration's own watch-dog found that of the 1-point-4 million homeowners who have signed up for help through the president's plan only 230-thousand have had their mortgages permanently lowered. On Capitol Hill Tuesday, four of the nation's biggest banks pushed back, questioning why they should help homeowners now underwater saying that would take hundreds of billions of dollars. Later today, a house committee will question a treasury official about the program and President Obama will meet with both democratic and republican Congressional leaders to discuss new regulations for wall street.

04/30/10: Good Morning CT at 7am - :30

"FEMA in Stonington"

Some in Connecticut are feeling anger and frustration. People are wondering why the Federal Government won't help them. Today, FEMA will be in Stonington hearing directly from those affected by severe storms and flooding last month. The briefings were set up to help bring financial aid to state agencies and local governments in Fairfield, Middlesex and New London counties. State leaders vow to appeal the president's denial of federal aid for individual residents and business owners. Today's meeting is the first of four planned between now and may 6th.

May:

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"Lieberman on Terror"

Helping terrorists could cost Americans their citizenship... if a new bill becomes law. Senator Joe Lieberman is among a group of lawmakers pushing the proposal. It comes just days after the arrest of Faisal Shahzad. He is a naturalized U-S citizen who was born in Pakistan. Dodd: "Under the Terrorist Expatriation Act, the State Department would be able to revoke the citizenship of an American who affiliates with a foreign terrorist organization or who fights against our country." The measure would update a law that already bans Americans from serving as an officer in foreign armies except Israel's or serving in a foreign army hostile to the US. Critics though call it unconstitutional.

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"Bysiewicz/GOP Appeal"

There are new developments in the Attorney General candidacy of Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz. The State Republican party is appealing a judge's ruling that Bysiewicz *is qualified to run for State Attorney General. State law requires candidates for A-G have at least 10-years active practice at the bar before being eligible to run. Last week a judge ruled in favor of Bysiewicz who argued her time as Secretary of the State counts in that regard.

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"Lower Gas Prices"

When the temperatures heat up, so do gas prices. But, some analysts say that may not be the case this year. Experts say prices have peaked at just below three dollars a gallon nationally, although here in Connecticut the average has surpassed the three dollar mark. Rising supplies and concerns over the global economy are expected to send gas prices lower.

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"AT&T Fine"

AT&T here in Connecticut is facing a fine of more than 1 million dollars... for not repairing telephones quick enough. State utility regulators say... according to state law... the company must finish-up at least 90-percent of phone repairs... within 24 hours. The Department of Public Utility Control says the company hasn't complied since 2001. The proposed fine is 10-thousand dollars a month since then. An AT&T spokesperson tells news 8-- the company disagrees with the fine and will request a hearing.

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"Malloy/Public Funding"

In the race for governor Former Stamford Mayor Dan Malloy becomes the first gubernatorial candidate to get public funding since the state's public financing law was ruled unconstitutional.

Malloy will receive at least one and a quarter million dollars for his campaign. The more money Ned Lamont spends... could also mean more public funding for Malloy.

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"New Motorist Laws"

Governor Rell is toughening the state's drunk driving laws. Today the Governor announced that she signed new legislation. It requires drivers convicted of their second DWI offense in 10 years to install an ignition interlock device in their vehicles. The locks prevent vehicles from starting until the driver breathes into an alcohol detector. The Governor also signed a bill requiring background checks for DMV workers.

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"Public Housing Upgrades"

A multi-million dollar upgrade is on its way to Connecticut Public Housing. The Federal Government is sending more than 28 million dollars to 34 cities and towns here in Connecticut, to make improvements and repairs. The biggest winners are New Haven, Hartford, and Bridgeport with each city getting more than four million dollars.